

ROBERT PURCHASE.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 601.]

APRIL 6, 1860.

Mr. POTTER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Purchase, wife of Robert Purchase, a soldier of the revolutionary war, asking that he may be placed upon the pension roll of revolutionary soldiers, report:*

That it appears from the evidence produced before the committee that Robert Purchase was a soldier of the revolutionary war, and served as a musician for a period of more than two years. This is very satisfactorily shown by the affidavits of two persons who were his neighbors, and knew him during the war, and one of whom served with him during a portion of the period of his service. This latter witness swears that he has no doubt that he served from August, 1776, during the war, as he saw him at different times in the service until the close of the war; that he served with him in New Jersey and New York; that the said Robert Purchase was in the battle of Long Island, and that they were together in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga.

It further appears that the said Robert Purchase is now over one hundred years old, and so infirm in mind and memory as to be incapable of making the sworn declaration required under the rules of the Pension office, and hence the application is necessarily made to Congress on his behalf.

The reason assigned in the petition why no application has heretofore been made by the said Robert Purchase for a pension is that until recently he has enjoyed all the necessities of life without aid from the government, but reverses have occurred in his old age, and he and his wife now require more for their support than their means afford.

Your committee believe that the said Robert Purchase is fully entitled, under the act of June 7, 1832, to a pension at the highest rate per year given to a musician by said act. They therefore report a bill granting him such pension.

